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Excise Officers Arrest 211 at Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (May 25) – Indiana State Excise Police officers working around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this weekend to promote public safety arrested 211 people on 250 charges.

Most of those arrested were charged with alcohol and drug-related offenses.

Excise officers patrolled inside and near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Most arrests were made last night during the Jason Aldean concert and on the streets near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, particularly along Georgetown Road.

Last year, excise officers arrested 181 people on 214 charges, most for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol.

“Public safety is a priority for the State Excise Police,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “Alcohol consumption is expected at events like the Indianapolis 500; however, irresponsible consumption often causes problems that can lessen the enjoyment by many race fans.”

“We will continue to ensure public safety by enforcing the alcoholic beverage laws with an emphasis on ensuring that alcohol is not accessible to underage persons.”

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana’s Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.